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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 7, 2006, entry and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. A petition for a one-month extension of time extending the time for response from May 7, 2006 until June 7, 2006 is enclosed herewith. A Notice of Appeal is also enclosed herewith. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.